

HIGH COMMISSIONER'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO GHANAIS IN CANADA

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As the year 2006 draws to an end and as we stand at the portal of a new year, 2007, it is my singular honour and privilege to say 'ayekoo' to you dear citizens and friends of Ghana. We may have, individually and sometimes collectively, had our moments of frustration and pain in the course of the past year but we still count it a blessing that we are alive. Many were those with whom we started the year but who are not with us today. It is, therefore, with a joyful and thankful heart that we celebrate the end of 2006 and welcome 2007.

I take this opportunity to say 'barka da sallah' to our Muslim brothers and sisters who are today celebrating the Eid-ul-Adha. May the sacrifice, hope and trust in God that the occasion symbolises renew our faith in God and love for one another.

I would also like to send very warm regards to our children and youth. While wishing you the best of the Season's greetings, I wish to remind you that you have unique opportunities here in Canada that many of your relations and friends back home in Ghana do not have. It is my prayer

that you make the best of these opportunities to give meaning to your own lives and to be a joy and delight to your families, friends and the larger community to which you belong.

On behalf of our President H.E. John Agyekum Kufuor and our Vice-President H.E. Alhaji Aliu Mahama and our government, on my own behalf and on behalf of all staff of the Ghana Mission in Ottawa, Toronto, Edmonton and Vancouver, I wish all our compatriots and friends in Canada the best of the Season. May the coming year bring us all God's protection, good health, strength, wisdom, guidance and prosperity. May all our dreams come true and may the Lord's light shine upon our feet. May we endeavour to leave behind any sorrows and tribulations of the past year and face the year 2007 with hope and confidence. I wish you all God's Blessings. May His Face shine upon us all.